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BonaMUN 2013

This year's BonaMUN is six months earlier than usual, which meant everything had to be done faster than the years before. Luckily many Dutch schools, from all around the country wanted to participate and therefore our conference has around 200 delegate registrations this year. That's a lot when you look at the little time we had to prepare the conference. This more than makes up for the fact that unfortunately we couldn't get any school from a foreign country to come to our conference.

BonaMUN 2013, the fourteenth edition of BonaMUN, is all about shaping the future around here, our future and the future of everyone else in this world. Around 200 delegates will try to solve problems and in that way try to make this world a better place to live. First timers will find it a little bit scary in the beginning, we all know that feeling, but in the end every single person participating in this MUN will play his or her part in the solving of big worldwide problems, because that's what we are here for.



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Interview with the Secretary General of BonaMUN 2013: Casper Bouwmeester

Hello Casper, tell me, are you ready for the weekend?

Relatively, yes, we have had many cancelations that included many important delegations, which means that we have to search for substitutes. I'm sure we can find those substitutes though, so bring it on.

How did the preparations go as the Secretary General of BonaMUN 2013?

We got into gear quite fast, but we had little time so that was required (anyway). The staff works very hard to organize a good conference, so I'm sure it will be fine.

Why are you the secretary general of this year's BonaMUN?

When I was part of the BonaMUN-staff for the first time, in 2011, I thought that I wanted to be SG too one day, because I could be a bigger part of this conference in that way than that I was as Head of Administrative Assistants. That was when my ambitions to become Secretary General one day started.

How many MUN's did you attend during your high school-career?

(Casper starts counting)

I think somewhere around seventeen.

What are some of your best MUN-memories?

It probably sounds a little bit cliché, but I don't really remember moments that jump out, because I always had fun at MUN's I think. I can remember the second time that I was a delegate, my resolution passed with only one vote against, that was nice.

What are some of your worst MUN-memories or bloopers?

There aren't really bloopers, but when I was



Casper Bouwmeester on a previous edition of BonaMUN

delegate for the first time, I was too shy to speak.

Is your suit ready?

My suit? Yes, my suit is amazing. I have a pale grey suit with these bright red shoes, so I'm prepared. I've chosen my ties too.

Will our lunch be good?

Well having a lunch is always good if you ask me. The catering-staff is doing all they can, the staff is going to make pancakes I think, so the lunch will be delicious!

Back to a serious question, how far do you think all participants will come in shaping the future?

I often hear people say that MUN doesn't have any influence on the issues that are being discussed and indeed maybe MUN

hasn't any direct influence, but the people debating about the issues are the future of our world. The thing is that the discussed issues aren't going to be solved directly, but when a delegate of BonaMUN will join the real UN in the future, he or she can make a difference. So if you see it that way, the future of our world is being formed here.

Thank you very much for this interview Casper, is there anything you'd like to say to the participants?

First of all, good luck! Make good resolutions, don't give up if things go badly, because in the end it will be fine, that's something you can see too while organizing BonaMUN. But above all, have fun, because that's the most important thing.



Another picture of Casper Bouwmeester

Some information about Leiden

Where you are right now, is the beautiful city called Leiden, with a population of about 120,000 residents. Leiden is located in the picturesque province called South-Holland.

The branches of the Old Rhine and the New Rhine unite in the centre of the town. The town is crisscrossed by numerous small canals.

During the summer time, you'll find a lot of people boating on the canals.

The town certainly lives up to its reputation of being a nice city.

Leiden is known for its old university, the oldest in The Netherlands. The university was founded in 1575. The University of Leiden is famous for its many developments.

Most of you will know him, Rembrandt van Rijn. A Dutch painter who grew up in Leiden. Rembrandt lived in Leiden for 25 years.

Some famous contemporary performers call Leiden their home, such as the Dutch trance-music producer and DJ Armin van Buuren and the funny comedian Jochem Myjer.

The city's biggest and most popular annual festival is celebrated on the 3rd of October and is called simply "3 Oktober". The people who live in Leiden commemorate the end of the Spanish siege.

A tradition is to eat "hutspot" on the 3rd of October. According to legend, the recipe came from the cooked bits of potato left behind by hastily departing Spanish soldiers during their Siege of Leiden in 1574.

There are a lot of places to go in Leiden on the 3rd of October. You could go to the fair or cafes or you could just walk on the streets. There are often bands performing in the centre of Leiden. People are always looking forward to it. It's always a lot of fun.

Leiden is a nice city to visit, you will never get bored because there's a lot to enjoy here. And there's lots to see. So please, enjoy your stay!

Where to go with friends after a long day?

Leiden has great pubs, cafes, and restaurants. We (Eline and Milica) have made an overview with our favourite places for you, dear readers, to choose a place to go to in your spare time, after BonaMUN! Hopefully, you will use this overview to explore this city and see what Leiden has to offer.

Our favourite places

1. La Bota

La Bota is a restaurant in the city centre. You can eat delicious food for little money. You can drink something at the bar as well. It definitely looks really cosy!

Address: Herensteeg 9, Leiden

2. Bagels & beans

Bagels & beans is a restaurant in the city centre as well. If you want to have a bagel for lunch or a drink after a long day at BonaMUN, this is the place to be!

Address: Ambachtsweg 40, Leiden

3. Starbucks

Ah, Starbucks, the world famous coffee chain. Sadly, as you may know, it's fairly expensive, but they have the best coffee we have ever tasted!

Address: Stationsplein 3, Leiden

4. Café Barrera

Café Barrera is a well-known café in Leiden, it's right underneath an apartment used in the movie "Soldaat van Oranje", so if you've seen that movie you will recognise it immediately. It's one of the most amazing cafes we have and you should definitely visit it during your stay here!

Address: Rapenburg 56

5. La Place

La Place is a café in the V&D. When you walk in, take the stairs to get to La Place on the top floor. It gives you a great view over Leiden. Also, La Place has some great food and drinks! Definitely worth a visit!

Address: Aalmarkt 22, Leiden



La Bota



The flag of Leiden

Essays on issues

Nine people were asked to write an essay about an issue in a committee on BonaMUN 2013, each one chose a topic from a different committee. They were given no instruction on how to make this essay, which meant each essay was going to be different. The essays will all be published in The BonaMUN Times this year, but they won't be published all at once which means that you can read new essays in every edition.

Today:

An essay by Joeri van Es, the DSGE of BonaMUN 2013, on an issue in the GA10 and an essay by Zoë Schuijt, reporter for the BonaMUN Times, on an issue in the SPCSF.

GA1 Drone Warfare

It is the year 1940. A British fighter pilot walks towards his spitfire, which stands on the long runway of a British military airport. Not long after his take-off, his plane was shot by a German Focke-Wulf. The pilot did not survive his crash. With present technologies we do not even need a pilot anymore. All we need is a joystick and an UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) to deal with our enemies from the sky. And I think this is a good thing.

Since the earliest days of military aviation, pilots have risked their lives, flying their vulnerable planes into enemy territory. There were many dangers, you could be taken down by enemy Anti Aerial defense guns, your engines could fail, you could be brought down by enemy aircraft or you could run out of fuel. These dangers made the profession of fighter pilot to be a very dangerous one. Now with the UAVs, a pilot can control his aircraft from the home base, so his life isn't in danger anymore during combat.

The pilot's life may not be in danger, but the lives of the people who are targeted by the UAV are, isn't this unfair? I do not think so. What does it matter if the attacking plane is controlled from the inside of it, or from a military base far away, it remains a treat to the ones it targets. And UAVs are not invincible, they can just be taken down by an Anti-Air gun or another weapon that is suitable for taking planes down.

All in all drones are not that bad for the future of warfare, because they will be able to replace manned vehicles of war by unmanned vehicles of war. This will lead to a decreasing number of war victims, if both parties are using drones to fight each other. In fact it might be able that drones will be the only fighting machines in future wars. The best future of warfare is, of course, no warfare, but if drones will replace real soldiers in the future, human lives will be spared and that is of utmost importance.



A drone

2013: The International Year of Water Cooperation

This year's special conference is about shaping our future. One of the issues was "finding ways for sustainable irrigation in LEDCs in the Year of International Water Cooperation."

The United Nations proclaimed 2013 as The International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC). All UN countries were asked to promote actions that will help achieving the Millennium Development Goals related to water.

Millennium Goal 7.C is one of those international water goals: "Halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation." 2015 is coming close, but different countries will handle different ways to achieve this goal. Water is one of the biggest concerns of the UN, because climate change is influencing our water as we speak.

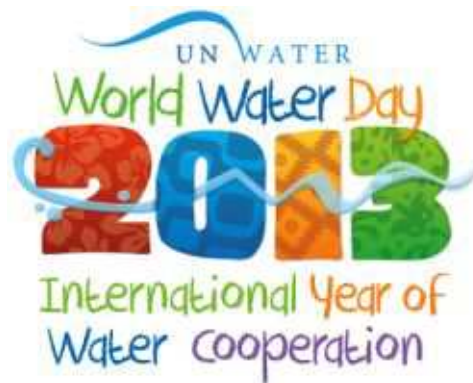
By choosing the theme 'cooperation', the international community recognizes the importance of peaceful and sustainable usage and management of water. Conferences about water and climate change take place very regularly, but also independent countries make agreements between the users of water, with nature as one of the important 'parties'. However, the important task is to convert those agreements into actions.

One of the important goals of IYWC is to make water-partnerships. History showed us many times before that water gives us a powerful inducement to work together and reconcile views. Partnerships are essential to peace, safety and an honest partition of the available water.

There are 263 watersheds worldwide, which are participated by many countries. 60% of the world's population lives in one of those watersheds, which leads to tension between countries. Even today countries like Iraq and Syria, India, and Pakistan are fighting each other because of water.

But it goes beyond that: water has got a global dimension. Because of countless societies being threatened in their prosperity and welfare by an excess or lack of water, it is also a threat to the international stability. There are about 25 million "water refugees" on the run for drought or floods on a daily basis!

The problems with water in the South are our problems, too. Those problems with water cannot be solved before the economic relations between the North and South are restored. Water cooperation is necessary and looks obvious to us, but maybe the politicians have to see that, too.

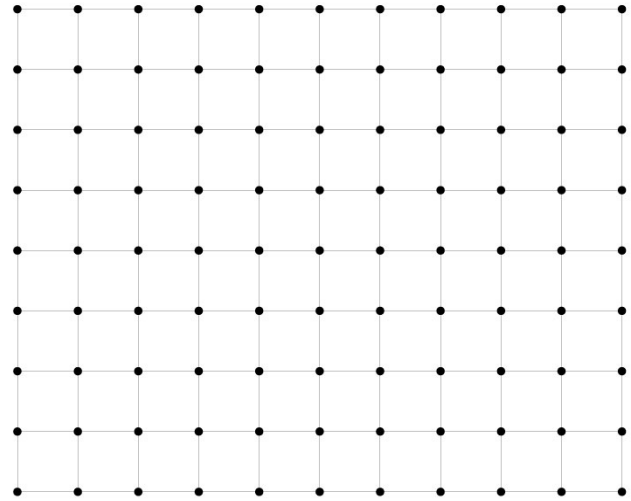


Puzzles and games

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Dots and boxes



Word search puzzle

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- AMBASSADOR
- ARABIC
- AUSTRIA
- BUREAUCRACY
- CHARTER
- CHINESE
- COMMITTEE
- DECISIONS
- DEVELOPMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- HISTORY
- JUSTICE
- KOFI ANNAN
- LEADERS
- LEAGUE OF NATIONS
- MANDATES
- MEMBER STATES
- NEW YORK CITY
- NORWAY
- ORGANIZATION
- PEACEKEEPING
- PROTECTION
- REFORM
- RESOLUTION
- ROOSEVELT
- RUSSIAN
- SANCTIONS
- SECRETARY GENERAL
- SECURITY COUNCIL
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- SOUTH KOREA
- SPANISH
- SWEDEN
- UNICEF
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- WORLD AFFAIRS
- WORLD PEACE